Kipea language

Kipeá (Quipea), or **Kariri**, is an extinct Karirian language of Brazil. It is sometimes considered a dialect of a single Kariri language. A short grammatical treatment is available.

Kipeá	
Kariri	
Native to	Brazil
Region	between Bahia and Maranhão
Ethnicity	Kiriri people
Extinct	mid 20th century
Language family	Macro-Gê ▪ Karirian ▪ **Kipeá**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	included in kzw (https://www.ethnologue.com/language/kzw)
Glottolog	`kipe1235 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/kipe1235)`[1]

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Documentation

Kipeá is well documented by Luiz Mamiani, a Jesuit priest who wrote a grammar[2] and catechism[3] of the Kipeá language during the late 1600s.[4]

Grammar

The morphology of the Kipeá language is predominantly isolating and analytic, unusual for a language native to the Americas.[5]

Phonology

Phonology of the Kipeá language:[6]

Consonant sounds

		Labial	Alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Plosive	**voiceless**	p	t		k	
	voiced	b	d		g	
Nasal		m	n	ɲ		
Affricate	**voiceless**		t͡s	t͡ʃ		
	voiced		d͡z	d͡ʒ		
Fricative			s			h
Approximant				j		

A voiced plosive [g] can have an allophone of [ŋ].

Vowel/Nasal sounds

	Front	Central	Back
High	i	ɨ̃	u
Mid	e ẽ		o õ
Low		a ã	ɑ̃

Further reading

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